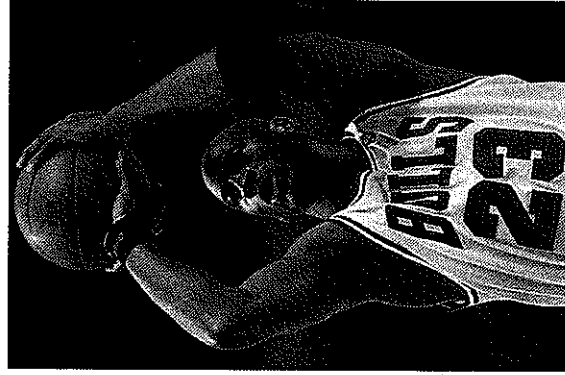


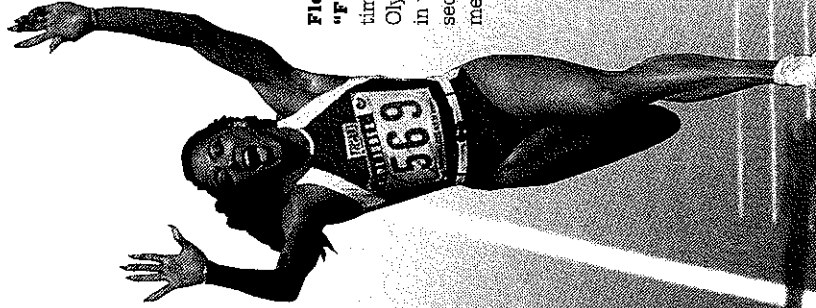
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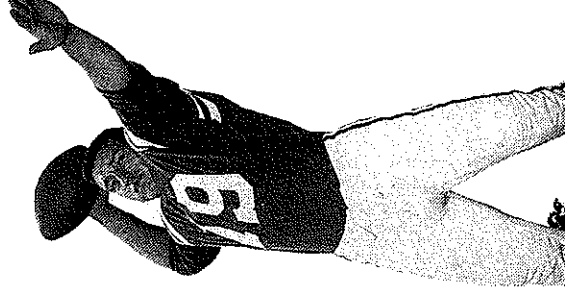
**Michael Jordan**  
**"His Airness"** 1963-  
 Chicago Bulls shooting guard, considered the best basketball player of all time. Played on two winning Olympic basketball teams, he also led the Bulls to six NBA championships.



**Babe Didrikson Zaharias**  
 1914-1966 Known as the best female all-around athlete of her time, she won three medals at the 1932 Olympics. She also won the women's U.S. Open golf tournament three times.



**Florence Griffith Joyner**  
**"FloJo"** 1959-1998 Three-time Olympian at the 1988 Olympics. She set records in the 100 meters (10.49 seconds) and the 200 meters (21.70).



**Johnny Unitas** 1933-  
 Won four National Football League Championships for the Baltimore Colts, and threw touchdown passes in a record 47 consecutive games.



**Nadia Comaneci**  
1961- Romanian gymnast who scored the first perfect 10 in competition at the 1976 Olympics for her flawless routine on the uneven parallel bars.



**Pele** 1940- Charismatic international ambassador of soccer. He led the Brazilian team to win three World Cups.



**George Herman Ruth**  
"The Babe" 1895-1948  
Both an outstanding pitcher and outfielder, he set the record for most single season home runs in 1927 and set the record for most career home runs. Both lasted for decades.

**Secretariat "Big Red"**  
1970-1985 Won horse racing's Triple Crown (Kentucky Derby, Belmont Stakes, Preakness Stakes) in 1973. Secretariat won the Belmont Stakes by a commanding 23 lengths.





### **Wayne Gretzky**

**"The Great One" 1961-**

Hockey legend for his phenomenal scoring abilities, he led the Edmonton Oilers to three Stanley Cups during the 1980s. He was voted the Most Valuable Player nine times and scored a record 92 goals during one season.



### **Jim Thorpe** 1888-1953

One of the greatest all-around athletes, he won the pentathlon and decathlon at the 1912 Olympics but was stripped of his medals when it was discovered that he had at one time played semipro baseball. The Olympic Committee reinstated his medals in 1982. Thorpe also played professional baseball and football.

### **Martina Navratilova** 1956-

Czech tennis player who dominated women's tennis from 1975-1994. She won 31 Grand Slam tournaments, and a record 167 titles during her career.

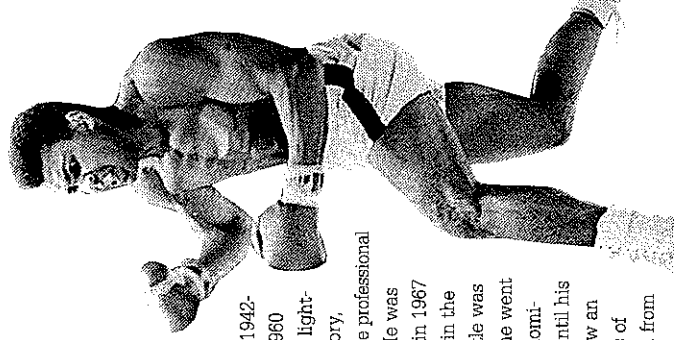


### **Muhammad Ali** (Cassius Clay)

**"The Greatest" 1942-**

After winning the 1960 Olympic gold in the light-heavyweight category,

Ali went on to win the professional heavyweight title. He was stripped of the title in 1967 for refusing to fight in the Vietnam War. His title was reinstated in 1970; he went on to maintain his dominance in the sport until his retirement. He is now an advocate for victims of Parkinson's Disease, from which he suffers.



## CONCEPT VOCABULARY

*You will find the following terms and definitions useful as you read and discuss the selections in this book.*

**amateur** athlete who engages in sport as a pastime rather than a profession

**athlete** a person trained in a sport or game requiring physical strength, agility, or stamina

**athleticism** characteristics of an athlete—vigorous, strong, fair-minded

**camaraderie** spirit of friendly fellowship

**competition** a contest between teams or individuals

**competitor** one who participates in a contest

**courage** mental or moral strength to persevere and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty

**determination** acting in a firm manner

**hubris** exaggerated pride or self-confidence

**professional** athlete who participates in a sport for money or as a career

**sore loser** athlete who does not lose gracefully

**sport** a source of diversion, recreation, and play

**sportsmanship** fairness, respect for one's opponent, and graciousness in winning and losing

**teamwork** work done by several athletes with each playing a specific part and playing to the benefit of the group

**will** mental power used to wish or intend a specific outcome